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PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

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| In re Application of: |) | |
| | : | Examiner: Quana M. Grainger |
| Takehiko SUZUKI, et al. |) | |
| | : | Group Art Unit: 09/597,210 |
| Application No.: 09/597,210 |) | |
| | : | Confirmation No.: 5981 |
| Filed: June 20, 2000 |) | |
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| For: IMAGE FORMING APPARATUS |) | October 29, 2004 |
| WITH A CHANGEABLE | : | |
| TRANSFER BIAS FOR |) | |
| TRANSFERRING A TONER PATCH : | : | |
| IMAGE (AS AMENDED) |) | |

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

Prior to examination on the merits, the Examiner is respectfully requested to amend the above-identified application, as follows.